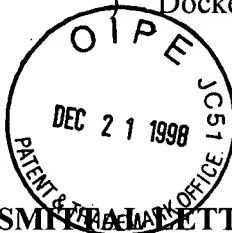


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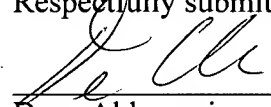
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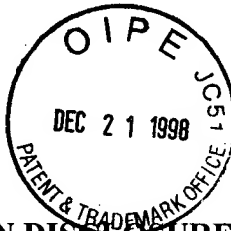
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- A. U. S. Patent No. 4,951,211 entitled "ELECTRONIC GUIDING AND INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR TRAFFIC", issued to Gerard J. De Villeroche on August 21, 1990.
- B. U. S. Patent No. 4,994,971 entitled SYSTEM FOR SETTING UP AND KEEPING UP-TO-DATE DATAFILES FOR ROAD TRAFFIC", issued to Theo J. Poelstra on February 19, 1991.
- C. U. S. Patent No. 5,214,793 entitled "ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD AND VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", issued to Earnest J. Conway et al. on May 25, 1993
- D. U. S. Patent No. 5,396,431 entitled "NAVIGATION SYSTEM WITH POSITION MEASURING DEVICE AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC STORAGE CAPABILITY", issued to Toshihiko Shimizu et al. on March 7, 1995.
- E. U. S. Patent No. 5,442,557 entitled "NAVIGATION DEVICE", issued to Michihiro Kaneko on August 15, 1995.
- F. U. S. Patent No. 5,537,323 entitled "NAVIGATION DEVICE VEHICLE COMPRISING THE DEVICE", issued to Hans H. Schulte on July 16, 1996..
- G. U. S. Patent No. 5,559,949 entitled "COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE FOR LINKING AND PRESENTING MOVIES WITH THEIR UNDERLYING SOURCE INFORMATION", issued to James A. Reimer et al. on September 24 1996.
- H. U. S. Patent No. 5,587,911 entitled "NAVIGATION SYSTEM WITH SELECTIVE INTERSECTION DISPLAY", issued to Hitoshi Asano et al. on December 24, 1996.

- I. U. S. Patent No. 5,596,494 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACQUIRING DIGITAL MAPS", issued to Shihjong Kuo on January 21, 1997.
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- K. U. S. Patent No. 5,614,898 entitled "GUIDE SYSTEM", issued to Kazuo Kamiya et al. on March 25, 1997.
- L. Abstract of Japanese Publication No. JP 5113754 A1 entitled "NAVIGATION DEVICE", issued to Shimizu Toshihiko et al. on May 7, 1993.
- M. Abstract of Japanese Publication No. JP 8128848 A entitled "PATH GUIDING DEVICE", issued to Tanada Shoichi on May 21, 1996. U. S. Patent No. 5,646,629 entitled "MEMORY CARTRIDGE FOR A HANDHELD ELECTRONIC VIDEO GAME", issued to Peter Van Wyck Loomis et al. on July 8, 1997.
- N. Abstract of Japanese Publication No. JP 8328466 A entitled "NAVIGATION DEVICE", issued to Ichimura Atsushi et al. on December 13, 1996.
- O. "We Have A Winner", Sacramento Bee, May 11, 1996 p. G1.
- P. Doug Henschen, "Popular Map Site Will Offer 'GeoCentric' Targeting", DM News, January 27, 1997 at p. 18.
- Q. U. S. Patent No. 5,646,629 entitled "MEMORY CARTRIDGE FOR A HANDHELD ELECTRONIC VIDEO GAME", issued to Peter Van Wyck Loomis et al. on July 8, 1997.
- R. U. S. Patent No. 5,648,768 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING, TABULATING AND PRESENTING INFORMATION OF

INTETEST ALONG A TRAVEL ROUTE”, issued to Thomas Tracy Bouve on July 15, 1997.

- S. U. S. Patent No. 5,659,469 entitled “CHECK TRANSACTION PROCESSING, DATABASE BUILDING AND MARKETING METHOD AND SYSTEM UTILIZING AUTOMATIC CHECK READING”, issued to David W. Deaton et al. on August 19, 1997.
- T. “Smart Business Supersite Newsletter Profile”, Global Positioning & Navigation News, (<http://www.smartbiz.com/sbs/pubs/n139.htm>), download date: October 3, 1997.
- U. “An HCI Analysis and Design of CANS: A Computerized Automobile Navigation System”, Monica M. Pate, Graduate Student in Information Design and Technology at Georgia Tech, (<http://www.lcc.gatech.edu/~mpate/HCI.HTM>), download date: October 3, 1997.
- V. “Database Requirements for Vehicle Navigation Systems”, NCGIA Maine, (<http://negia.umesve.maine.edu/~max/UM-final.htm>), download date; October 3, 1997.
- W. “Finding The Goods On The Net”, Conde Nast Traveler, January 1998 at p. 40.

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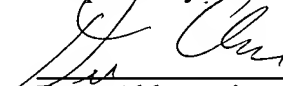
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